

VALERIE ERVIN COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 5

Memorandum

To:

Councilmember Nancy Floreen, Chair, Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy

and Environment Committee

From:

Councilmember Valerie Ervin

Date:

April 17, 2008

Subject:

Amendment to Dale Drive Sidewalk Capital Improvement Project, No. 00904

On April 14, the T&E Committee reviewed the Dale Drive Sidewalk Capital Improvement Project that would build a new sidewalk along the north side of Dale Drive from Hartford Avenue to Mansfield Road. I am in favor of the project amendments and cost reduction measures; however, as the Council's representative to the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee, I believe that this project must include an analysis of how to create a safe pedestrian crossing at or near the intersection of Dale Drive and Mansfield Road. As a neighborhood resident, I know that the curvature and grade of Dale Drive at this location presents many challenges, but I believe that the new sidewalk will increase pedestrian traffic and more people will use this intersection to access Nolte Park.

I would greatly appreciate the Committee adding text to the project description form (PDF) which states that, "an improved pedestrian crossing should be studied and implemented, concurrently with this project, at or near the Dale/Mansfield intersection to allow for safe access to Nolte Park."

Please feel free to contact my office with any questions.

Sincerely,

Valerie Ervin

c: George Leventhal, Councilmember, T&E Committee

Roger Berliner, Councilmember, T&E Committee

Glenn Orlin, Deputy Director, Montgomery County Council

Bruce Johnston, Director of Capital Projects, Department of Public Works and

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